

SENATE BILL 188

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By: **Senators Shank, Edwards, and Young**
Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2012
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Distribution of Amounts to Town of Williamsport –**
3 **Payments in Lieu of Property Taxes on Electricity Generation Facilities**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the requirement that Washington County distribute
5 certain proceeds of certain payments in lieu of property taxes under certain
6 circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating
7 to the distribution of certain proceeds in Washington County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Tax – Property
10 Section 7–514(c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Tax – Property
15 Section 7–514(e)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Tax – Property**

21 7–514.

22 (c) (1) The governing body of a county may enter into an agreement with
23 the owner of a facility for the generation of electricity that is located or locates in the
24 county for a negotiated payment by the owner in lieu of taxes on the facility.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) An agreement for a negotiated payment in lieu of taxes under this
2 section shall provide that, for the term specified in the agreement:

3 (i) the owner shall pay to the county a specified amount each
4 year in lieu of the payment of county real and personal property tax; and

5 (ii) all or a specified part of the real and personal property at
6 the facility shall be exempt from county property tax for the term of the agreement.

7 (e) For each taxable year, Washington County shall distribute to the Town of
8 Williamsport an amount equal to 35% of:

9 (1) any county property tax revenue attributable to increasing the
10 percent of assessment of any personal property described in § 7-237 of this title that is
11 subject to county property tax, as authorized under subsection (b) of this section; or

12 (2) any amount received by the county under a negotiated payment in
13 lieu of taxes under this section **FROM AN OWNER OF AN ELECTRICITY GENERATION**
14 **FACILITY THAT IS LOCATED OR LOCATES IN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSPORT.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 June 1, 2012, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,
17 2012.